

**Order of Service for Worship in the Home and for Zoom  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 15, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

*Reminder: we are meeting in person in the building following Covid-19 precautions.*

*Zoom requires a password to join the worship service. The password for First English's worship is 408299.*

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Password: 408299

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**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**HYMN "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"**

# Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### And also with you.

Let us pray: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON *zoom/in person worship*

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING **Judges 4:1-7**

*Deborah was a prophet and judge who, with her general, Barak, led a victorious holy war against a stronger Canaanite force from the north.*

<sup>1</sup>The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. <sup>3</sup>Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup>She sent and

summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 123** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We welcome the gospel:

***Alleluia! Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30**

The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In

the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *online*

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for God's power to come upon the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with words, "hear our prayer."

For the church, that you would allow us to put the talents you have given us to work in this world, so that all people might know of the love and grace that you give to them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, that we would build one another up during the discomforts of this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For places throughout the world that struggle with unrest, political insecurity, or violence. Today, we remember the people of Syria, Hong Kong, Iraq, and Poland. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our own nation, that you would guide it through the transition period in ways that are pleasing to you and reflect your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For schools in our community as they navigate the challenges of this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are in troubling circumstances: those who are sick, suffering memory loss, overwhelmed by debt or other stress, and for those whom we name now before you in silence.....Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For wisdom to guide and guard our actions during the coronavirus outbreak and for your blessing to rest on nurses, technicians, administrators, staff, and physicians at Butler Memorial Hospital. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have gone before us in faith, that with them we may hear your words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers for the sake of him who lived, died, and rose for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### MEAL

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ

brings home the lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding*) through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.  
Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant us your peace, Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The gifts of God for the people of God!

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

*"NOW, LORD..." read responsively*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation**

**which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel.

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**Amen.**

### HYMN

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Marlin Boltz	<b>Reader</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Crucifer</b>
Jim Cunningham	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Melody Kamerer	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Kevin Mathias	<b>Organist</b>
Bob and Karen Domanski	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Judy Vilcheck.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 11/16	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 11/17	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 11/18	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 11/19	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, 11/21	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you to all who generously brought baked goods or made a monetary contribution to Meals-on-Wheels.**

**Christian Education - Outdoors at Lutherlyn!** All Sunday school students are invited to meet at Dogwood Shelter from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Sundays Nov. 22, and Dec. 13. If you are in worship in person, we will caravan out together. Please wear playclothes, outdoor shoes, and a mask. A bagged lunch will be available. Please RSVP to Sharon at [sharonfelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:sharonfelc@zoominternet.net).

**Christmas Flowers Orders!** If you would like Christmas flowers, please place your order with the church office (724) 283-2378 or [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net) by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Options include: Poinsettia - \$6.25 (red, pink, white, burgundy, jingle bells or marble), Cyclamen - \$8.30 (red, pink, white, or purple), or Christmas Cactus - \$4.15

Community Dinner is accepting donations of venison through Hunters Sharing the Harvest. For information about how to donate, please visit [shareadeer.org](http://shareadeer.org) or contact the church office (724) 283-2378 or [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net).

The 2021 Flower Chart is posted in the Social Hall. If you are not attending in-person worship and would like to sign-up for a date in 2021, please let the church office know (724) 283-2378 or [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net).



**LISTEN:  
STORIES ON RACE  
HEALTHCARE**

Featuring: **Jacque Walker, RN**

Monday, November 16, 2020  
7:00PM

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85932668874>

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#### PRAYERS

Meredith, Mary and Eleanor, Larry, Frederick Miller, Edna Hartman, Jim Buehler, Justin Buehler, Cyndy Halin, Gene Fozard, Cindy Regis & her daughter Angie, Josh, Aryl Bashline, Dave and Diana Braun, David and Gina & family, Ida Miller, Shirley Sellers, Crystal, the family of Mary Heist, Gayle Wynn, Mary Maloney, the family of Ryan Warheit, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, Ed Beck, the family of Jim Templet, all those affected by the wildfires in California and Colorado, the family of Edgar Nieto, the family of Marjorie Ellis, Anita, the family of Frances Cypher, Jamie and Kaitlin Sprague, Graham Cannon, Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, the family of Mildred Dollhopf, Sandy Snyder, David and Emma Lee Hartle, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Asyiah, the family of Nancy, the family of Jean Purvis, Joyce Hall, Bruni Bilowich, Karen Vavro, Doug Horner, Sandy, Lisa, Wendy, Rhonda, Judy M., Mary Ellen, Claudia, Karen, Kitty Walker, Hope & Bruce Keeler, Gina Ambrosio, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Tad Sellers, Ralph D'Antonio.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READING

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*God will shepherd Israel*

**Psalm 100**

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The reign of Christ*

**Matthew 25:31-46**

*The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats*